

power plant is being taken up which will be used for further research in the subject and also help in determining techno-economic viability of such projects.

Renewable Energy Project under India-Canada Environment Facility Initiative

1133. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Canadian Government have granted Rs. 20.2 crore for a renewable energy project in Karnataka under the India-Canada Environment Facility initiative;

(b) if so, the number of villages proposed to be covered under the above project;

(c) whether villages of Bellary Lok Sabha Constituency are being covered under the above project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) Under India-Canada Environment Facility an amount of US\$ 2,495,000/- has been sanctioned for the project. This at the present rupee dollar exchange rate of Rs. 46.37 per dollar, works out to about Rs. 11.57 crore.

(b) 24 villages in Tumkur District are proposed to be covered under the project.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.